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## Senator Stroebel Statement on Prevailing Wage Hearing

Stroebel to testify in support of SB 49

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel issued the following statement on the scheduling of SB 49 for a hearing next week in the Senate Committee on Labor chaired by Senator Nass.

As a co-sponsor of SB49, I am committed to working with Senator Nass to fight for the passage of full repeal. I plan on offering my testimony in support of full repeal.

Wisconsin is a high-tax state and I represent the taxpayers. My job is to lower their tax burden. This antiquated law hurts local budgets throughout the state to the tune of \$300 million annually. For example, there is no reason for schools to pay nearly \$38 million more in new school construction.

Senate Republicans must take a stand against special interest groups blocking free market principles on public works projects. Beyond the significant savings on public projects for all levels of government, the full repeal of prevailing wage will allow for smaller contractors to bid on projects.

We have heard story after story of small businesses crowded out by the big contractors due to the lack of ability to file the lengthy paperwork this law requires. Without prevailing wage, more contactors can participate in the bidding process. As far as I am concerned, more competition is good for the taxpayers' wallet.

Again, I am committed to fighting with Senators Nass and Vukmir, the four other Senate cosponsors, Representative Hutton, and the thirty-five Assembly co-sponsors for full repeal.

Senator Duey Stroebel represents the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.

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